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Is UNB Fit To Expand?

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trative staff has been marked by increased pressure on the SDC to try to exert coercive force on the student body. It has also seen the childish closing of the downstairs Common Room in the Student Centre for extreme uncleanliness. It seems ridiculous to punish the entire student body by deprivation of this room and its facilities merely because of the abuses of the card playing minority who caused the uncleanliness to begin with.

The last and most tragic of all trends has seen the pride of the campus—the Red Bombers Football Team—decline with fantastic rapidity until they reached the level of the squad participating in Saturday's fiasco against Mount A. Never has a team representing UNB appeared so spiritless and downtrodden as last Saturday's edition of the Red Bombers. They necessarily, however, reflected only the spirit of the crowd itself, who have been deprived of whatever pride they had left in UNB and their own tradition of hard play and good scholarship.

For those who are freshmen, the picture appears without comparison and without contrast—for those of us who remember better days; the contrast is sharp, the memory nostalgic and we long for the pride in red and black, and the shouts of "Come on, Big Red".

Gordon Conley

**RED 'N' BLACK
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This question seems to invite criticism rather than praise, nevertheless, I shall try (not too hard) to be fair and consider the question from its various viewpoints. I do not feel particularly qualified to answer the question or write the article because as a freshman, I really know very little of what there is to know about this University.

Physically UNB is certainly fit to expand. Due to the size of the campus, 75 more Jones Houses could be built and there would still be room for 10 regulation football fields, not to mention 17 Chemistry buildings and 42 student's centres.

The original grant to UNB was 6,000 acres. At the present the records show that the University is in possession of 4,000 acres . . . which brings up the question, . . . what happened to 2,000 acres.

This territorial expansion would, however, be strongly opposed by the members of the Forestry faculty, whose sacred wood-lot occupies a large portion of this expansion area.

The major problem of expansion is in the housing of students. Since 1957, the student population has jumped 400, and if the trend continues, by 1970 we can expect to have a student body of somewhere in the vicinity of 3,500, 1,500 of which should be co-eds (pleasant thought).

This severe increase will be due to what are known as WAR BABIES . . . (the crop of 1945-47), the main force of which will hit us in three years.

The answer to this question is the increased construction of more residences and room for lectures. The University, in this

matter, seem to be working along the same lines as Canada's defence policy . . . BUY NOW WHAT WILL IN TWO YEARS BE OBSOLETE. Already, Carleton Hall and Loring Bailey Hall are crowded, and in one year will be inadequate. To cite one example, the miniature auditoriums of Carleton Hall are too small to handle many of the classes for which they were designed.

At the present, two mens' residences are under construction. The construction of a new dining-hall or REFRACTORY as it will be known by the pseudo-intellectuals on the campus, is under way. A new women's residence is rumored and it is also in the wind that the LBR will be vacated to make way for Co-eds in the next few years. We hear also that the law school will be moved to the campus sometime in the future.

One of the greatest problems which this University faces, is that of extra-mural students (students who board in town). It would be foolish to expect any increase in local accommodations. As it was, last year, offers were made to the University for 174 single rooms, 238 double rooms and 67 so-called apartments, some of which were difficult to look at, let alone live in.

Therefore it appears that UNB's expansion is going to be governed entirely by its structural movement.

**REMEMBER
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 25th**

THE COLUMN by Ed BELL

Football season is over . . . and for a brief interlude seventeen hundred people can relax . . . especially the six hundred or so who don't like football anyway, but who did not dare commit the blasphemy of saying so! But every normal red-blooded youth is expected to be an avid football fan. They play football in the cities of Montreal and Toronto . . . why, it's practically our national game!

What this year's team lacked in skill and spirit was more than compensated for by the behavior of the fans. Never in the field of inter-varsity conflict has so much trouble been caused to so many by so few. The cause of this trouble has been attributed to liquor, to pep rallies . . . even to the army. But there is one more definite cause that has been neglected. A few of this year's crop of campus police have been causing more trouble than they have been preventing.

UNB has a definite advantage in its Student Discipline Committee setup. Misdemeanors are taken care of by fellow students, skirting the demoralizing prospect of standing convicted on the administration carpet. A lot of care goes into this committee, its planning and its actions. And then the whole idea is spoiled by the campus police who represent it at university functions.

Anyone who feels like joining the campus police may do so. You are given a red armband, a dollar for each hour you stand around, and some authority. The trouble is that most of the campus policemen use a great deal of authority that they assume themselves and few of them have even read the regulations in the constitution that they are supposed to be enforcing. The result is that we have a few good campus policemen, a great many mediocre ones, and a few who should be on the other end of the "long arm of the law". Their friends drink openly in front of them; usually for no other reason than to show their power; they assume that every football fan is either drunk or possesses liquor; they have even been seen pulling fans, both male and female, from their seats so that their cronies and pals could sit down.

The most surprising fact is that these irresponsible and worthless (as far as discipline is concerned), CP's are, in at least two cases, not new ones but boys who were campus police last year. The SRC should take some action to ensure that our future campus police are the type of men that can and will do the job which they are supposed to do. A little care in screening applicants would avert a lot of later trouble. If this is not done, we might as well bring next year's Bombers off the field to police the fans and let the Campus police go out and try their hand at manhandling students from some other university.

ODDS 'N' ENDS
Be sure to wear a sports jacket to every UNB dance; red jackets are outlawed because they lead to drunkenness and fighting . . . The Column is now being carried by the Brunswickan only once a week; all the better to blast you, my dears . . . it has been said that this year's SRC is useless and inefficient; watch the Brunswickan for more details about the gang and its members . . . No scandal this year about the Red 'n Black Revue; but why does everyone have their fingers crossed? HELP STAMP OUT ROY DAVIS!

News Item On Debate . . .
Debating is back on its feet at UNB. But the audiences are rolling in the aisles with debates like that on "male dress" at UNB last Wednesday night. Over ninety people attended; a record audience for the last two years. The surprising fact is that a good percentage of the audience were Engineers and Foresters! The Maggie Jean led (as always) in attendance, LBR was next, and a few well-dressed folks from Jones and Aitken arrived late. Heckling from the audience (one Forester had a megaphone!) was fast and furious, causing the debaters to choke, sputter and swear (under their breath of course). But Justice won out, and it was decided not to make UNB males dress up for classes by a vote of 34 to 32.

The second of this series of debates is to be held this Thursday night at 7:30 in the Tartan Room on the topic, RESOLVED THAT GIRLS COME TO UNIVERSITY FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CATCHING A MAN. Two "Maggie" girls will take the negative against two daring males who may not have another date this year. The audience will sit in two sections; one for the resolution and one against. If the debate changes your opinion, you can move to the other side. Heckling is permitted (even encouraged) and anyone in the audience has the privilege to make a speech on the topic after the debaters have finished. Again audience vote will decide the winners.

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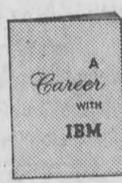


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